Special Agricultural Zones

2752. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided anything on the Special Agricultural Zones as proposed by reputed scientist Dr. M.S. Swaminathan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Commission on Farmers under the chairmanship of Dr. M.S.Swaminathan did not make any recommendation for 'Special Agriculture Zones'.

Grants to Karnataka under National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding

2753. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for release of grants under the National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the allocations made during the last three years under the project to various States, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project proposal submitted by the State Government of Karnataka under National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB) has been approved with total cost of Rs. 2058.00 lakh and the State is participating under the scheme from 2003-04. The Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 2669.53 lakh including Rs. 903.04 lakh under the special package for suicide prone districts has been released so far to the State Implementing Agency (Karnataka Livestock Development Agency) for the implementation of scheme. The details of the funds released during the last three years under the project to various States is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise break-up of funds released under National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding during the last three years

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	State/UT	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total funds Released
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	858.36	388.74	3575.57	4822.67
2	Arunachal Pradesh	151.30	50.00	0.00	201.30
3	Assam	129.50	100.00	319.50	549.00
4	Bihar	0.00	0.00	499.80	499.80
5	Chhattisgarh	100.00	570.00	250.00	920.00
6	Gujarat	279.70	703.25	100.00	1082.95
7	Goa	97.29	0.00	0.00	97.29
8	Haryana	454.00	183.50	200.00	837.50
9	Himachal Pradesh	270.20	678.07	0.00	948.27
10	Jammu & Kashmir	135.91	0.00	0.00	135.91
11	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
12	Karnataka	394.29	907.20	903.04	2204.53
13	Kerala	801.95	284.88	1277.07	2363.90
14	Madhya Pradesh	661.54	150.00	711.00	1522.54
15	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	1523.63	1523.63
16	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Meghalaya	0.00	120.08	0.00	120.08
18	Mizoram	71.00	85.49	30.00	186.49
19	Nagaland	159.67	213.59	80.00	453.26
20	Orissa	485.00	400.00	740.20	1625.20
21	Punjab	111.27	700.00	350.00	1161.27
22	Rajasthan	0.00	490.00	0.00	490.00
23	Sikkim	0.00	123.55	51.32	174.87
24	Tamil Nadu	204.82	1253.00	400.00	1857.82
25	Tripura	96.67	50.00	53.20	199.87
26	Uttar Pradesh	841.15	300.00	100.00	1241.15
27	Uttaranchal	84.80	446.93	300.00	831.73

1	2	3	4	5	6
28	West Bengal	353.10	805.23	265.00	1423.33
29	A&N Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	D&N Haveli	27.76	0.00	0.00	27.76
32	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Pondicherry	18.15	87.20	0.00	105.35
35	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	6787.43	9090.71	11929.33	27807.47

Meeting on promoting use of manure and other organic fertilizers

†2754. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering or would consider to convene a meeting at Centre level at the earliest to hold discussion on promoting use of manure and other organic fertilizers keeping in view the decreasing production per acre and abundance of imported material in chemical fertlizers;

(b) whether Government are considering to formulate a concrete and long term action plan to provide necessary information to the States in order to enhance agricultural yield by convening a meeting in consultation with research institutes and agricultural universities so as to fulfil the said purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government for holding discussions on promoting use of manure and other organic fertilizers. However, the matter is regularly discussed in half yearly Zonal Input Conferences and National Conferences with State Governments and Union Territotries.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.